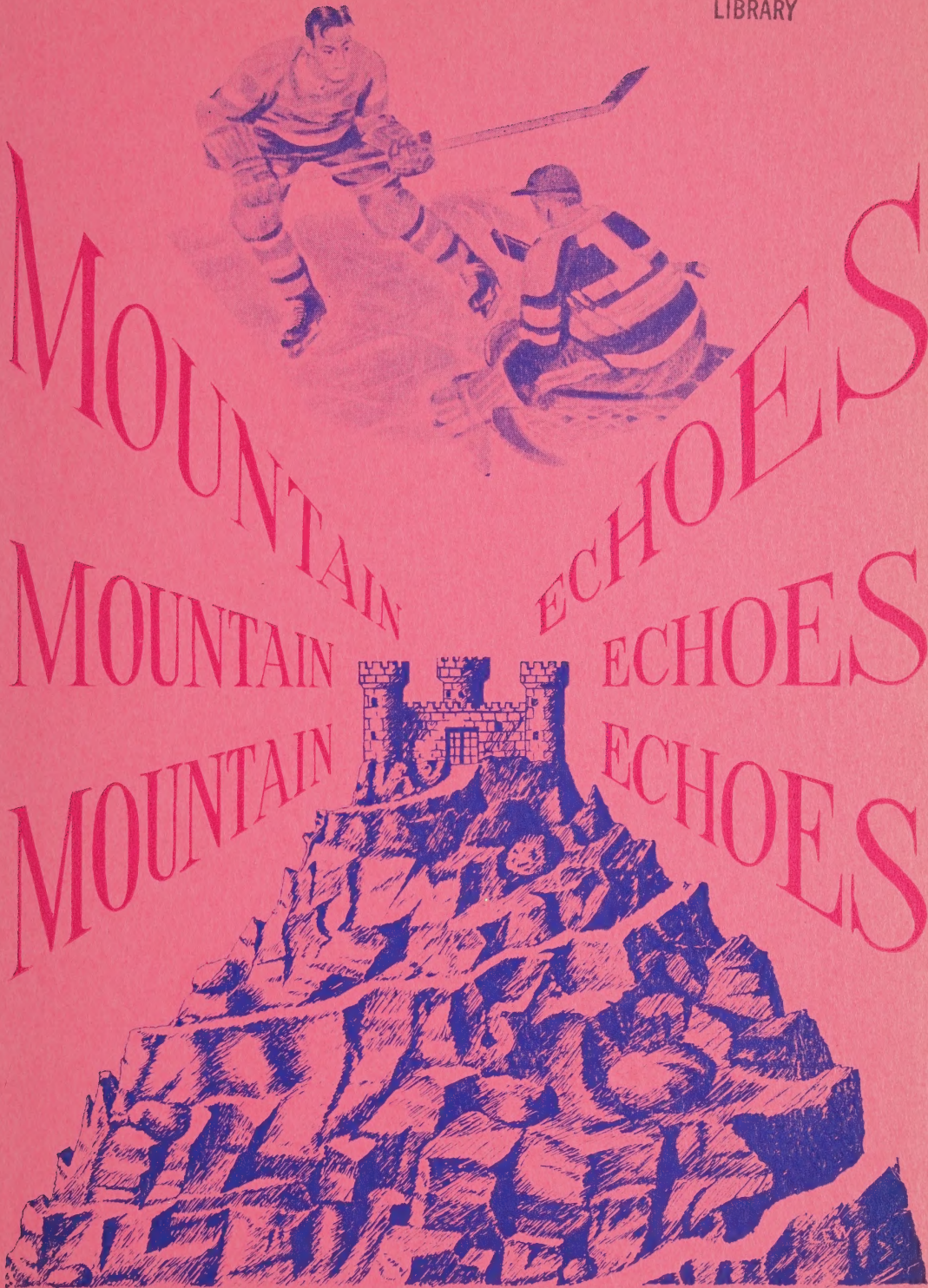




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December 18 to January 18

Population	392
High Number	7598
Received	21
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Concerning

This

Issue

January is heralded as the month of beginnings. For Mike Vhol, oldest printer in the Mountain Echoes shop in terms of time spent with the publication, his life in the free world, temporarily disrupted some three years ago, began once more. We wish him every success and his experience will be missed around here.

With staff changes occurring in rapid succession, life in the shop has been one furious round of musical chairs with the creaky old platen press providing the overture. We welcome Dick Moisan, former Welfare Committee member, who has decided to earn his keep with us after a solid year of comfort. Truth of the matter is that he wandered into the shop one day in the course of his Committee duties and has fought an unsuccessful battle to let go of the compositor's stick that got stuck in his left hand. With a philosophical "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em air," he has fitted into the routine admirably.

Big news in this issue is the report and photo treatment of the Christmas Variety Show and the subsequent Search for Talent broadcast over CJOB. Since the performers in both shows served double duty, one set of pictures has been used to cover both shows. The photos are the handiwork of Gord Bird, who gets better with every outing.

Hockey provides the sports menu. All Star captain Red McKillop, feeling sorry no doubt that the games are not better covered solved the problem in a realistic manner when he took on the task of picking the best team effort of the season, the appearance of the St. Boniface Seals, to show in his talent as a writer. Thanks Redhead.

The league hockey reports are also carried and they are somewhat abbreviated since they are called upon to bridge the gap of seven weeks between issues.

In January 1957 we resolved to get the Echoes out on time and we are happy to report that 12 issues rolled off the press. Not always on time we'll admit, but they were mailed as speedily as possible.

We make no such rash promises for 1958, since Ye Ed hits the bricks in three months and won't obligate his successor.

In closing, we hope you enjoy the first edition of the 1958 Mountain Echoes and that good fortune and happiness will be yours in this new year.

Editorially Speaking by Don Lobb

Who Knows When Release Is Advisable?

A few of the boys were sitting around the shop during the holiday slack period cutting up touches, as usual the conversation got around to the remission service.

It seems that one fellow had applied for additional remission on a nine-year sentence a little earlier, but the powers that be had turned a deaf ear to his plea.

The attitude he expressed is we think a common one. Possibly though, his manner of rationalizing the refusal was unusual.

"You know," he said, "I wasn't surprised when they turned me down. In fact I'd have been more surprised if they hadn't. I have a pretty bad record and I haven't exactly been a good example while I've been shaking this bit."

"One thing bothers me though. I wrote them and told them that I was ready to go straight. I mean it too. I've had enough. I guess they just can't believe that a guy can change in these joints.

"And the more I thought about it, the more I began to wonder if maybe they didn't know what they were talking about. A guy like me applies for a ticket (Ticket of leave is the Canadian equivalent of a parole—Ed's note.) and these guys in Ottawa get their reports from the people here look them over, and decide that I'm only kidding myself. They write me a note telling me I'm not ready for release.

He continued, "Now these guys are no dummies. They've been reviewing these cases for years and they should know what they're doing. BUT, I've only got a couple of months left on a nine-year bit and I'm leaving here whether I'm ready to go or not when the man with the key opens that front gate.

"What bothers me is this. If I'm not ready to go right now, what the Hell good is two more months going to do? If I've been kidding myself that I want to go straight, does that mean that I'm going to wind up in one of these joints?

"I'll tell you guys something," he concluded. "If those guys in Ottawa know what they're doing, I'd rather stay right here until I am ready to go. I don't want any more of this joint or any other like it. So now I have to convince myself that those guys don't know what they're doing, don't know when a man is ready to go out and go straight, or resign myself to coming back.

"And just between you and me, I ain't coming back, so I guess those guys are wasting their time down there in Ottawa."

We suppose that we'll have to wait and see whether he really does stay out, and if he does, we'll be almost obligated to agree that those people in Ottawa are wasting a lot of people's time.

Christmas Releases Just A Hoax

Early in December prisoners across the country were subjected to one of the unhappiest hoaxes of the year when they were led to believe, following reports in the press and over the air, that all Canadian prisoners due for release late in December or early in January would be released in time to allow them to get home for Christmas.

Quite naturally hopes of the same 10 or 12 men falling in that category here rose to the heights. December 23, 1957 saw their dreams shattered. Not one in-

ate in this institution was released prior to Christmas. Irrespective of whether he had one day or one week remaining to serve, no Manitoba Penitentiary inmate was released.

It is a sad and disturbing sight to witness the emotional strain of such an experience on a man who has served two or three years, has a release date scheduled for December 27, and then literally is left hanging on the bars when our usually reputable sources of information prove completely unreliable.

100-Year Failure

Mr. Negely K. Teeters, Criminologist, Chairman of the Sociology Department of Temple University said:

"Imprisonment as we have known it during the past hundred years is a failure in reducing crime and, in addition, it has been of little rehabilitative value. The next fifty years present a challenge to penologists to create substitutes for imprisonment.

"Only a relatively small percentage of criminals need close security custody. We are shackled with the 'lock-psychosis' and the 'convict-bogey' and not until we free ourselves of these phobias can we expect to get very far in rehabilitating our criminals.

"The stigma of imprisonment must be eliminated if the prisoner, after convict-

ion, is to go straight and be relieved by members of Society has made them what they are."

(From: **The New Era**, Leavenworth)

Fatal Pattern Seen

Run your eyes over the life history of a man sentenced to the chair. There in all its inevitable sequence, is a story of his progress to destruction more forceful than any that was ever painted by a Van Gogh or a Hogarth. First, the correctional school; next, the reformatory, then Sing Sing or San Quentin and then at last the electric chair. The heavy hand of doom was on his head from the beginning. The sin, in truth, is yours—the sin of your condoning a penal system that leaves the victim to his fate when the course that he is going is written down so plainly.

Judge B.N. Cardoza

Capitol Punishment On Way Out?

There's another hint abroad that Ottawa's Conservative government is having serious thoughts about ending the death penalty for murder.

Two Ontario slayers were slated to go to the gallows in the next two weeks. Both have been granted temporary reprieves while their cases are studied by the federal cabinet.

Gerald Thomas Campbell, of Sault Ste. Marie, who shot his wife in a restaurant last February, was to be hanged Jan. 14. That has been put off to Feb. 11.

Thomas Arthur Laplante of Hamilton, condemned to die Jan. 7 for the killing of Edwin Jones near Welland Ont, last July, has won a stay until Jan. 17. His lawyer has appealed to the cabinet to make his punishment life imprisonment.

The new postponements recall the pre-Christmas reprieves of two British Columbia slayers, Joseph McKenna and Calvin Klingbell. Both men were given life imprisonment instead.

A firm group of members of Parliament is maintaining a continual lobby to force the government's hand in abolishing the death penalty. They are convinced the Diefenbaker cabinet is ready to go at least part way in agreeing to the change.

Not what is a convict, but . . .

Why Is There Crime ???

by Glen Derkson

I believe that every criminal is a rebel. Each is fighting his private revolution with the existing society. These private revolutions are not conducted solely by convicted persons, but, by any person that has at any time broken the existing law. This means almost every person that has ever drawn breath. The thin veneer of restraint that organized society places upon us is easily chipped and broken, then there emerges primeval man ready to right real or imaginary wrongs. The manner of crime, the victim or the suffering he or she endures isn't the question. The act (revolution) is the thing. Successfully completing the act is another battle won. How to prevent a person from repeating these acts is what F.S. Wilson and many others of his degree are attempting to do.

The question shouldn't be "What is a convict?" for very few law breakers are convicted. The question should be—"Why is there crime?" or "Why is there a Criminal?" Obviously he isn't criminal because of the advantages offered to such a person by the ruling society, he isn't a criminal because of short working hours or ideal working conditions. Actually it is a full time job with many hazards, with no forty-hour-week and no guaranteed take-home-pay. A famous mountain climber was once asked why he climbed a mountain; his reply was, "Because it's there. A parallel can be drawn. The mountain climbing was his primitive emotional outlet, his opponent, or adversary. The criminal's emotional outlet is his fight against the mountain of man-made law and order.

Law and rules of society being man-made are necessarily fallible and in many instances unjust, even if only to minorities, primitive instincts and habits cannot be altered by thou shalt not, but only temporarily controlled or hidden behind the facade of order.

The old adage "Money is the root of all evil" is undoubtedly correct. Crime, crimes of all kinds have their root in economics. The first crime in the Bible, of man against man, was of Cain slaying Abel, his younger brother. At first glance this was a crime of passion only. Cain slew Abel because Abel's sacrifice was more pleasing to God than his own. However, on taking a more analytical look, if Abel's sacrifice was more pleasing he was therefore more unselfish than was Cain. This then would show that Cain was more acquisitive than his brother and rather than sacrifice he desired to accumulate goods, or property. This then according to the record, records when man's greed for the root of all evil took root.

That poverty and crime go hand-in-hand has been recognized by penologists for many decades. That crime pays big dividends is evident, only it isn't the convicted criminal that receives the pay. Ten to fifteen million dollars are spent by Canada each year to put and keep her convicts in jails. Besides that, the provinces have their own jails to spend many more millions on. Punishment and prolonged terms of confinement have done nothing, or at best little, to deter crime.

Education is the problem, or rather, the lack of proper education. In order to be a law abiding citizen (and this means also those who haven't been caught) a person must have a sense of responsibility and dedication to his country. Making a donation to the Red Feather appeal and attending church on Sunday proves nothing except to those who wish to look at the world through a pea-soup fog. Recently seven companies in Winnipeg were found guilty of combining to fix prices in the coal distribution industry. After 20 years of conspiring and forcing the public to pay higher prices for heating their homes, the conspirators were fined \$50,000.00 Yet someone were to steal a sack of coal to heat a poverty stricken home these same companies cry to be protected.

I have refrained from quoting except in one short instance, but since I am fond of quoting and, since this particular thought conforms with my opinion I will insert this short paragraph by the Marquis de Sade, "Laws are a bad way to change manners and customs and to suppress passions... Your barbarous, senseless, miserable laws serve only to punish and not to correct.. Change the form of your government and do not harass the citizen who, when the form of the government is bad, cannot help but be bad, because it is no longer he who is guilty, it is you you who could stop him from breaking the laws by changing those laws but, instead, have those laws on the books, as odious as they are, just to have the pleasure of punishing those caught breaking them." That perhaps is a radical thought however something radical must be done if crime is to be brought down and kept to a minimum,

In conclusion I offer this thought to anyone interested in preventing crime. Go to the governments and lobby for legislation to insure that each child in the country has equal opportunities for education, sports and most of all living conditions and after that the guarantee of job.

Spending fifteen millions of dollars or ten times that much a year in that manner would eventually eliminate the need for penitentiaries and jails except for a thin radical fringe.



We Don't Fear Criticism



The life of an editor is never dull or boring. With each issue there is something new. After each issue there are critics and admirers who have their say. And that is as it should be for a free press and free speech were among the reasons why we fought wars. And so we get a kick out of a clipping which is headed. Don't Fear Criticism." It says:

The galleries are full of critics. They play no ball. They fight no fights. They make no mistakes because they attempt nothing. Down in the arena are the doers. They make mistakes because they attempt to try many things.

Ford forgot to put a reverse gear in his first automobile. Edison once spent \$2,000,000 on an invention which proved of little value.

The man who makes no mistakes lacks boldness and the spirit of adventure. He is the brake on the wheel of progress.

"And yet it cannot be truly said he makes no mistakes because the biggest mistake he makes is the very fact that he tries nothing, except criticise those who do things."



M.L.A.

Alex Turk

Citizen of the Year

Mountain Echoes nomination for Citizen of the Year goes to a man who will undoubtedly find plenty of support in quarters more prominent than those we represent.

"Mr. Right Guy" in our book is Alex Turk, Member of the Legislative Assembly and prominent Winnipeg sportsman. Alex as he is commonly known, has befriended the inmates of Stony Mountain Penitentiary, providing them not only with an abundance of moral support, but also a continual supply of sports equipment and the "outside" teams against which the equipment is so ably utilized.

Alex has been waging a one-man war against crime by furthering the sports program through his donations of equipment and an unflagging interest that sees him present for every major sports event. (Usually in company with a dozen of his associates) Over the period of seven years there is no facet of the program that has not appreciated his open-handed generosity.

In the early days of the sports program here, Alex was responsible for providing the uniforms and equipment for the Giants, a local fastball aggregation that earned the respect of free and imprisoned men alike with their ability and desire.

With his election to the provincial government, demands on his time have forced him to curtail his visits to the penitentiary, but it has not cost us his support. We continue to hear from him whenever time allows or whenever a lack of equipment begins to cause the sport fraternity a little consternation.

He has won the respect and admiration of the inmates of this institution through his tireless fight to help us win the battle for public recognition. There is about him a quality that makes everyone like him. He is not a "stuffed shirt" and he hasn't any "angles."

A sophomore member of the Liberal-Progressive political team in Manitoba, Alex will be waging a personal battle for re-election later this year and it is the earnest hope of the men here that the people of the community recognize in him the type of public servant that is badly needed on the political scene today.

Our best wishes ride with him in his coming fight, and our thanks for his solid support.

We of Stony Mountain salute Alex Turk, Citizen of the Year.



On The Lighter Side



CAPSULE COMMENTS

When a man begins to learn truth about himself it lessens his desire to reform his neighbors.

Minds, like parachutes, function only when open.

It is more blessed to give than to receive—and it is deductible.

The dictionary is the only place where you will find success before work.

A breath of scandal too often makes breezy conversation.

Havelock Ellis, English psychologist and writer has stated: "The greater the number of laws, the greater the number of offences against them."

Some of the greatest love affairs I've known," said Wilson Mizner, "have involved one actor—unassisted."

Schools need not preach political doctrine to defend democracy. If they shape men capable of critical thought and trained in social attitudes, that is all that is necessary—Albert Einstein

A psychiatrist does not have to worry as long as other people do.

Soaking a wedding ring regularly in soap suds makes it last longer.

One of the hardest tasks of an independent man today is keeping the government from taking care of him.

Experience should be a guide post, not a hitching post.

ADULT EDUCATION

A man took his daughter on a trip to New York. They went to a play that made father blush a bit.

"I'm sorry that I brought you here," he said. "This is hardly a play for girls your age."

"Oh, that's all right, Dad," replied the girl. "Perhaps it'll liven up!"

FIRST THINGS FIRST

A doctor who taught a Sunday School class asked one of the boys: "Willie, what must we do before we get to Heaven?"

"We must die."

"Very true, but before that what must we do?"

"Get sick and send for you!"

IF THE CAP FITS

A revivalist told his congregationists, "There is a man among us who is in the midst of an affair with another man's wife. Unless he puts a dollar in the collection plate his name will be read from the pulpit."

When the collection was counted it contained six dollar bills, a 50 cent piece and this message: "This is all the cash I have on me. Will mail rest later!"

NO OVERTIME

A motorist after being bogged in a mudhole paid a passing farmer \$10 to tow him out with a team.

After he was on the road again he remarked, "I should think that at a price like that you'd be pulling people out all day and night."

"Nope," drawled the farmer. "Too busy nights haulin' water fer the hole!"

★ *Third Annual Search for Talent* ★

Monty Leads Contestants In Homestretch Of Vote Poll

Although the final results of the 1958 edition of the Associated Canadian Travelers Search for Talent Show aired over CJOB January 11, will not be available until early February, donations to date show Monty, last year's top contestant, making a strong bid to retain the crown. The Lou (Kappy) Kapitan-produced show was rated the best ever broadcast from the penitentiary.

An annual affair, proceeds donated by listeners to the show are used to aid the Manitoba Sanatorium Board in their battle to defeat tuberculosis. Traditionally, the first show of the season is staged here at the penitentiary, with inmates offering their talent to further this great humanitarian work.

Master of ceremonies again this season was likeable Red Alix, who with technicians from CJOB has worked each of the three shows originating from the local stage. He also tours the province staging a weekly show, and contestants who win the individual competitions then compete in the provincial finals at the Winnipeg Auditorium later in the year. Stony Mountain's winner is heard via a tape recording of his act which is edited from the complete recording of the show.

This year technicians Jim Clark and Brian Roche brought the tape recording out for replay January 16, and the contestants heard the reproduction of their acts and formed their own opinions.

Slated to run for one hour, 19 acts had been scheduled, but only 16 were able to compete in the time allowed. Mike Andrushko and Claude Jubenville, combining trumpet and saxophone in a duet called Rock 'A Beatin' Boogie, were selected by judges on the night of the show as talent winners.

Andrushko opened the show with a sax solo of ABC Boogie and was followed by Ken (Elvis) Ducharme who vocalized Don't Be Cruel. One of the favorites with the Western fans here, Al Beland with his fiddle, next set a toe-tapping pace with a medley of old time reels.

Vic Lum's special, I Don't See Me In Your Eyes Anymore, followed by Ken Marciano on the 88's added the variety that is always a feature of the local show and they left Monty a real warm audience for his "Wagon Wheels" solo.

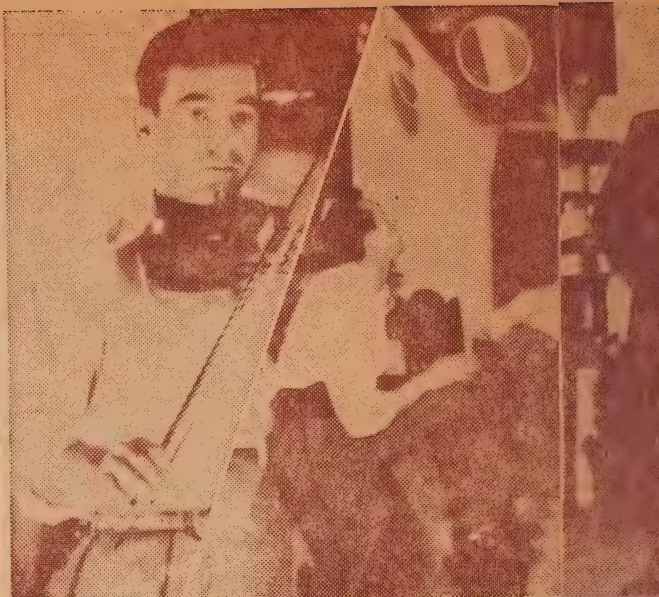
Berthume out-Richarded Li'l Richard with his Jenny Jenny, and dazzled the fine audience of some 75 guests with a bit of fancy footwork during the chorus. Ken Bevan then blew a fine Scottish medley on the harmonica and with a few breaks to acknowledge some outstanding donations to the show, Red Alix ran off the remainder in rapid fashion in an attempt to use as many entertainers as possible.

He got through Mike and Claude, Harry Harrison, Pinky McDougall, Paul Cousineau and Stan Faulder before the clock called a halt to the best local production ever aired here.



1957 Christmas Concert Variety Group

Left to right front row: Erison, Ducharme, Berthume, Olson, Berryman, McDougall, Paul Cousineau.
Standing: Beland, Spoffard, Casey, Naugler, Marcino, Bevan, Brothers, Andrushko, Harrison, Perrault, Kapitan,
Jubenville, Monty, Lum. Missing from the photo by Bird, Boudreault, Leo Martin.





Christmas Variety

Group

Proves Popular

Twice

With the best concert group ever produced in the institution providing two shows, first the Christmas Varieties, and following that a one-hour radio show, Gord Bird had an opportunity to photograph most of the entertainers at one or the other.

From top left to right around the clock: Master of Ceremonies Irv (Doc) Stein of radio station CJOB; Al Beland did the Old Time fiddling; Boudreault, the juggler; Rock 'N Roller Berthiume; producer-steel guitarist Lou (Kappy) Kapitan; Pinky McDougall, clown and vocalist; Casey, western singer; Kenny Ducharme, ventriloquist and Elvis-imitator; Paul Cousineau who sang both in French and English; fire-eater Leo Martin, who caused a flurry of excitement when he offered to make a meal of a few razor blades, and in the centre cut, Monty on bass, Cousineau, trombone, Jubenville and Brothers on trumpets, Harrison, Andrushko, saxaphones Kappy on guitar and Marcino on piano.



"Best Show Ever Staged Here" Said Of 1957 Christmas Varieties

"Best yet!" "Terrific!" "Not a poor act in the whole show!"

Strong words? Perhaps, but they were only a few of the comments heard locally following the Christmas Variety Show in the Protestant Chapel December 20.

Under the capable direction of Lou Kapitan and emceed by CJOB's Irv Stein, the 1957 show provided three hours of solid enjoyment for the inmates here. There were fire eaters, jugglers, modern and old time balladeers, instrumentalists, ventriloquists, tap dancers and behind them, the finest inmate Dixieland band ever heard in the institution.

All participants, with the exception of Irv Stein, were localites and a finer group of entertainers would be hard to find anywhere.

If a star could be picked from the classy program, honors would have to go to Ken Ducharme who combines a terrific talent for mimicing Elvis Presley with a ventriloquist act and both stopped the show.

Spicing the show, Pinky McDougall clowned it up with Irv Stein, who hit the stage here cold turkey. Arrangements to have him attend the dress rehearsal fouled up and he walked into the show with no fore-knowledge of what was to come. It was a tribute to his showmanship that he managed the affair with but one minor tie-up.

Kapitan introduced Stein with the band under the direction of Ron Brothers, playing Pretty Girl in the background. With Ken Bevan on drums, Ken Marcino on piano, Mike Andrushko and Harry Harrison on sax, Paul Cousineau trombone, Claude Jubinville and Brothers trumpet, Kapitan on electric guitar, the band hit a stylized version of Jingle Bells, followed with I Need You Now, and the show was rolling.

Vic Lum scrambled his way through an introduction owing to a miscue, but his vocal, I Don't See Me In Your Eyes Anymore, came through fine. He added Foolish Heart as an encore and then made way for solid Dixie as the band belted St. Louis Blues.

The Rock and Rollers were real gassed when Berthume hit the beat with a Little Richard style Jenny, Jenny and he was really rocking. Keep A' Knocking got the treatment next and he wrapped up his turn with She's Got It.

Ducharme took his first turn, with Sam, the dummy and returned later in the show, complete with sideburns and a beat-up git-box for his show-stopping Elvis bit. Kenny Bevan lost one of of two scheduled harmonica pieces, but blew a real fine Scottish Medley to lead Andrushko and Jubinville into a trumpet-sax duet of Rock a' Beating Boogie. Johnny Erison vocalized Blueberry Hill, Beland fiddled in the western style, Marcino hit the 88's, Olson and Casey sang western ballads, the Chain Gang did a novelty turn followed by McDougall in a comedy bit and the band backed the works with half a dozen fine arrangements.

Paul Cousineau squeezed a vocal between a fire-eater and a juggler and Berryman tapped out two routines.

Congratulations on a fine show are in order for Kapitan and all the preformers. Irv Stein earns undying gratitude for his fine cooperation and stage hands and Ron Brothers who really did a great job with the band.

Oil
From
The Lamps Of China

Selected by Vic Lum

By far the greater half have I seen through
This floating life-Ah, there's a magic word
This half so rich in implications.
It bids us taste the joy of more than we
Can ever know. Halfway in life is man's
Best state, when slacken pace allows him ease;
A wide world lies halfway 'twixt heaven and earth;
To live halfway between the town and land,
Have farms halfway between the streams and hills;
Be half-a-scholar, and half squire, and half
In business; half as gentry live,
And half related to the common folk;
And have a house that's half genteel, half plain,
Half elegantly furnished and half bare;
Dresses and gowns that are half old, half new,
And food half epicure's, half simple fare;
Have servants not too clever, not too dull;
A wife who's not too simple, nor too smart
So then, at heart, I feel I am half Buddha,
And almost half a Taoist fairy blest.
One half myself to father heaven I
Return; the other half to children leave-
Half thinking how for my posterity
To plan and provide, and yet half minding how
To answer God when the body's laid at rest.
He is most wisely drunk who is half drunk;
And flowers in half-bloom look their prettiest;
As boats at half-sail sail the steadiest,
And horses held at half slack reins trot best.
Who half too much has, adds anxiety,
But half too little, adds possession's zest,
Since life's of sweet and bitter compounded,
Who tastes but half is wise and cleverest.

Writer's Class Begins Operation

A Writer's Workshop Production

Five inmates, under the the leadership of Mountain Echoes editor Don Lobb met in the schoolroom at Stony Mountain Penitentiary Friday, January 3, to participate in the first class of a new course designed to assist inmates in the development of creative writing ability.

Dubbed "Writer's Workshop," it is believed that the course is the first of its kind formed in any Canadian penitentiary.

According to instructor Don Lobb, the prime purpose of Writer's Workshop is to promote and develop the individual's ability and capacity to communicate with others in a social, intelligent manner while here and upon his release into society.

It is the aim of the members to eventually progress from factual reporting to other fields of literary work such as feature writing and fiction and non-fiction stories.

An additional purpose of the class is that it should provide a source of talented writers capable of producing material for publication in the Echoes. The Mountain Echoes is the inmate's medium for the advancement of thoughts, problems, ideas and beliefs and it is hoped that the class will increase their competence in conveying these effectively through the columns of the publication.

The instructor, whose efforts have made Writer's Workshop possible, is a former reporter with British United Press and both daily and weekly newspapers and will conduct classes weekly for the next four months. By imparting some of the knowledge gained during several years of newspaper writing and editing and assisting in the interpretation of those books available, he hopes to start a "chain-reaction" with pupil graduating to teacher, thus providing for indefinite continuation of the program.

The five men chosen for the vanguard class, Frank Kramaric, Harry Wisby, Pat Saito, Al Jackson and Mitch Herman, were selected because they have shown a deep interest in the course and the necessary potential ability. It was felt that the future of the class depended on the success of this first group.

The formation of Writer's Workshop, culminating seven months of preparation, required the approval and cooperation of the administration and opens the way for similar classes in other fields.

The curriculum has been carefully laid out. The first lesson began with a discussion and blackboard session outlining the basic principles of reporting and will later progress into broader fields. Assignments will be taken from two textbooks, "The Art of Useful Writing" by Walter B. Pitkin, and the "Century Handbook of Writing" by J. Greever.

Other texts include the teacher's edition, "Model Classbook of English" by Chambers and Ker, and "Mastering Effective English" by J. C. Tressler.

The first assignment consisted of writing reports of the formation and inauguration of Writer's Workshop. Five reports were dissected by the class and incorporated into this article at the second session.



Local News in Brief



Long Termers Released

Frank Shura, inmate of the month for June 1957 was released early in December on Ticket of Leave after serving 13 years of a 25-year sentence for armed robbery. His release was the first of two granted long term residents during the year. A second Ticket of Leave allowed 65-year old George King, serving a life term for murder, to spend his first Christmas in 18 years at home in eastern Canada. King had served a total of 18 years and three months. His 90-year-old mother welcomed him home.

Organist Alan Caron Retires

Alan Caron, well-known Winnipeg organist and composer, resigned his position as organist at the institution following a heart attack late in December. Mr. Caron had served the inmates here for more than 15 years. He gained recognition in Winnipeg as organist at the Garrick Theatre, where for many years he thrilled movie goers with his playing of the organ during intermissions.

He had a perfect attendance record at the Catholic Chapel here where he acted as choirmaster and organist for all Masses. He also played for the Protestant services each Sunday, making the trip to the institution from his Winnipeg home, a distance of 14 miles, in time for the first service at 8:00 a.m.

It is expected that two organists will be appointed to fill the position vacated by Mr. Caron, since both Catholic and Protestant services are now held at the same time on Sunday mornings.

New Vocational Courses Begin

In addition to the Dale Carnegie course which began here January 11, courses in bricklaying and plastering have been formed to operate during the winter months.

The bricklaying course was successfully completed by ten inmates last term and another group of ten began classes early in January.

The plastering course is a new innovation and is planned to accomodate ten inmates. Instruction has begun and in addition to classroom studies, both classes will receive on-the-job training at construction jobs in the institution.

Both courses are recognized under the apprentice training program.

Steering Committee to Handle Election

Five inmates, Herman Schaf, Gord Bird, John Casey, Irish Perrault, and Rollie Evans were chosen by the Shop Representative Assembly to handle the nominations and balloting in the upcoming election called to fill three positions on the Inmate Welfare Committee for 1958.

Lou Kapitan, Dick Moisan and Raoul Provost, present members of the Committee, will serve until the election. Provost has been nominated to contest the seat he accepted following the release of Teddy Horbas, discharged before the completion of his term in the committee.

★ International News In Brief ★

A Sound Investment?

Millbrook, Ont.—Twelve miles southwest of Peterborough, Ont., is the latest monument to society's failure. It is the newly-opened Millbrook maximum security prison, designed by Architect Edward Barnett to house "incorrigibles."

The 250-cell institution, built for the Ontario Reform Department, is said to incorporate all the latest features of escape-proof prisons.

The institution, built at a cost of \$3,500,000 is reported to have already played a "decisive" role in easing tension in other institutions—so much so that the number of disturbers in these institutions has fallen far below the average experienced before Millbrook was planned.

To qualify for admission to Millbrook, an inmate must be guilty of disturbing the rehabilitation program in a reform institution. Officials admit that while it is difficult to catch a prisoner actively working at disruptive tactics, long experience has made the officials sensitive to undercurrents of pressure exerted on weaker companions.

These "guard-haters" and "cop-haters" are being weeded out and 48 of them are presently being held in Millbrook.

Officials doubt that the institution will ever be filled much beyond the present population.

(Thus wasting four-fifths of the \$3,500,000 facilities badly needed by prisoners interested in reforming themselves—Ed's note)

A Sound Investment

Montreal (CP) — The Canadian Corrections Association, a group of prisoner rehabilitation organizations, suggests that a "return to crime" would be avoided in many cases if certain groups of prisoners were paid unemployment insurance benefits on their release from prison.

The association, an affiliate of the Canadian Welfare Council, released the information to members discussing a resolution of the John Howard Society of Vancouver Island.

The resolution asks that any person sentenced to prison at a time when he is covered by unemployment insurance be made eligible for benefits on his release.

"Money is important if a return to crime is to be avoided," the association says. "If these people were eligible for unemployment benefits the problem would be at least partly solved."

"The convicted man who has been a good worker and who has built up contributions to the unemployment insurance funds is punished more when he is sentenced to prison than the man who has had a poor work history because in addition to his liberty he loses his claim to benefits," the association says.

ROOM SERVICE Santa Ana, California —

One of three juveniles who escaped from the second floor of Orange county jail apparently was concerned about what would happen to his belongings which he had to leave behind. The youth took time out from sawing his way through bars and making a rope of mattress strips to write a note to jailers. It read: "Please send my stuff home. Thanks."



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Dear Sir:

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We registered a total of 216 donors, and although slightly lower than the 265 registered last August, this still represents an increase over many of the past clinics.

The registration of clinics for the year of 1957:

May 2nd, 1957 — 213

Aug. 29th, 1957 — 265

Dec. 27th, 1957 — 216

for a total of 694 donors. This represents an increase of 65 donors over the 629 registered in 1956. It would be greatly appreciated if you would convey our very sincere and grateful thanks to the Editor and his staff of Mountain Echoes for the generous support they have given to our cause throughout this past year.

Once again, to yourself sir, and to all those who worked in making this clinic successful, our very sincere thanks, especially to those who donated to "Keep Life Blood Free To All."

Yours very truly,

(signed) Charles H. Spence

Assistant Donor Panel Director

WIN FOUR STRAIGHT

Rangers Climb To First Place In December Mountain League

With the hockey season officially underway December 14, action bristled early. Playing the second scheduled game of the afternoon of the 14th, Mike Sokoloski's determined Canadiens skated into an early four-goal lead and then hung tough for a narrow 8-7 victory over Black Hawks.

Ibey and Koski tallied a pair of markers apiece before the 10-minute mark to take command of the contest, but Wisby and Lonsdale put the underdogs back into the fight as they replied for Hawks.

Koski tallied his hat trick on a St. Germaine relay for Canadiens and then it was the Hawk's turn.

Wawia, Sherman, Morand and Kossar beat Paquin in the Canadiens' net to give Hawks a short lived 6-5 lead going into the second period.

Ibey completed his hat trick to knot the count at 6-6 but Wawia tallied his second goal for Hawks three minutes later and Canadiens had it to do all over again.

Armand Proulx, since traded to the Hawks, pulled the game out of the fire as he belted a pair of goals into the Hawk net with help from Ibey on one of them.

In the other half of the action Detroit's Murray Naugler scored a hat trick in a valiant stand as Detroit dropped a 6-4 decision to Rangers.

Olson got two for Rangers, Cameron, Boudreault, Andrushko and Hayden singles, as the Mitchell-men took a 4-0 lead and hung on for the win.

Cameron from Olson, Boudreault from Ladouceur, Olson from Andrushko and Cameron and Hayden unassisted put the contest out of Detroit's reach.

Naugler then tallied a pair for Detroit before Olson got away a Boudreault-Cameron relay to move Rangers out front 5-2.

Poole from Naugler made it 5-3 and Naugler put Detroit within striking distance unassisted before Andrushko on a breakaway iced the contest for the blueshirts.

December 21 it was 4-2 for Detroit over Hawks as Knobby got a pair; 5-1 for Rangers over Canadiens with Boudreault turning into a one-man gang and scoring five. A single game December 23 went to Detroit 4-2 over Canadiens as W. Watcher tallied a hat trick. In a test for first place December 28, Rangers skated off with the lead by downing Detroit 3-2 on a pair of goals by Olson and a singleton by Meccas. Canadiens scuttled Hawks in the other half of the scheduled feature by a 7-3 margin, with Ole' Johnny Hines digging the blades out of mothballs to score once and rack up three assists for Canadiens.

A New Years Day feature between Rangers and Black Hawks, in which big Georg-Matchette registered the first shutout of the season, was protested and washed out. Rangers topped Hawks 4-0.

TWO SHUTOUTS

Blueshirts' Matchette Shows Class In Leading League Netminders

If there was any doubt in the minds of the hockey faithful here in regard to just where the class of the four-team hockey league lay, January action cleared the matter up for everyone.

The Ernie Mitchell-coached Rangers played three times in the 1958 half of the season, moved their undefeated mark to five games (with a 4-0 shutout in the sixth ruled no contest) and haven't had a goal scored against them in the second half of the schedule.

Fabulous Fatman, George Matchette posted two recorded shutouts, 7-0 over Canadiens and Detroit 10-0, but actually hung up three with the disputed 4-0 win over Hawks. Detroit and Canadiens are currently tied in second place, four points off the pace, while Hawks, who can't win for losing are anchored in the basement.

In the greatest single team performance of the year, Hayden led the Blueshirts to victory in the 10-0 whitewashing of Detroit as he racked four counters into the mesh. Scat Watcher with a hat trick, Meccas with a pair and Carl Lavietoire completed the shellacking January 4.

The other half of the fixture saw Canadiens tally five unanswered goals in the first period as they romped to an 8-5 win over the last place Hawks.

For the winners, Ibey scored three, Houck two, Gabel, Koski and Trojan singles while Proulx got a pair for Hawks, Hamel, Kahut and Pommer singletons.

The victory moved Canadiens into undisputed second place while the Ranger victory dropped Detroit to third.

January 11, Detroit visited the 'country cousins,' Isbister's Black Hawks, and despite efforts to bolster the tailenders lineup with some additional talent, Don Dodd moved his Detroiters into a share of second with a 7-3 victory.

Poole and MacDonald pushed Detroit into a 2-0 lead early and after Proulx had replied for Hawks, Lansing and Poole iced the show with two more for Detroit.

St. Germaine and Proulx made it 4-3 in the middle of the second period, but it was too late and too little as Wawia, Paul and Poole with his hat trick marker tallied in rapid succession for the 7-3 final tally.

Rangers measured Fika's Habitants in the second half of the schedule by a decisive 7-0 margin as Watcher rattled three more past Canadiens Paquin while big George Matchette stopped all comers at the other end of the ice.

Boudreault, Cameron, Hayden and Lavietoire added insult to injury for Rangers as the Blueshirts recorded their fifth straight victory.

Smooth-Skating, Hard-Shooting Seals Whip Local All-Stars 13-5

By Red McKillop

Bottled in their own end for most of the game, Stony Mountain All Stars dropped a one-sided 13-5 decision to the St. Boniface Seals Sunday, January 12. Showing the smoothest-skating, hardest-shooting attack ever watched inside the walls, Seals outgunned the local pucksters in every department but goalkeeping. Diminutive Pete Roski, guarding the All Star twine provided the only bright spot for locals who were well out of their class.

Seals' Taylor paced the visitors with a four-goal effort, Marius added a hat trick as did Vic Love, and Davidson, Fairfield and Hiendle got singles.

All Stars, McKillop and Condon got two each and Houck a singleton.

Seals skated to a 3 - 0 edge in the first period with Marius, Davidson and Taylor ringing the gong. Fairfield put them out in front by four in the second period before Houck converted a Mitchell-Francis pass into a counter for Stars.

Love moved St. Boniface out front with the replying goal on a solo dash at 15:55 and the 5 - 1 edge held until the beginning of the final frame.

Condon snared a McKillop pass at 1:35 of the final frame for the Stars second marker, but Love again replied three minutes later on a two-way play from Bergner.

McKillop got his first counter one minute later unassisted and then Love, Marius and Taylor put the game out of sight for Seals.

McKillop from Condon, and Condon from Ruck, completed the All Star scoring, with Taylor and Hiendle adding the final counter for Seals.

Roski was the backbone of the All Star stand and from the amount of rubber flying around its a wonder the little guy didn't give up or suffer battle fatigue. Seals passed accurately and their puck control was fabulous. They appeared at times to have the puck on a string. Their most deadly weapon was a blistering slapshot from the point that raised some interesting bumps on the Stars' defence men right through their pads.

Referee Pinky McDougall handed out three penalties, two to Stars and one to Seals in the game that drew the largest crowd of onlookers this season.

Players and Coach Raoul Provost have invited the Seals for a return engagement and it is rumored that defencemen will be issued armour plate if they accept.

Condon-McKillop-Ruck Sparkle As All Stars Down Bruins 8-6

Stony Mountain All Stars, with the top line of McKillop, Condon and Ruck exhibiting superb puck control, stormed from behind a 3-1 first period deficit Sunday, January 19, to post a decisive 8-6 victory over the Commercial League Winnipeg Bruins.

The victory moved the season record for locals to a .500 average. They have downed Stonewall 8-6, Tobins 9-7 and Bruins, while losing to Seals 13-5, Selkirk Fisherman 6-5 and the Morse Place Intermediates 7-6.

Sunday it was the Kribak brothers, Steve and Ray, who opened the Bruins' scoring as they roared in on Pete Roski in the Star nets and tallied singles from close-in scrambles. Steve got the first marker at 5:15 and Ray made it 2-0 at 6:22. Thornson for Bruins then opened the gap even wider when he beat Roski from a scramble as he relayed a pass by Kaiser into the lower right corner at 15:20.

All Stars appeared to hit their stride at that point, although they had earlier missed on a trio of scoring opportunities. Condon at center of the first line carried into the Bruin zone and passed on the right side to McKillop. The Redhead picked Ruck closing from the left side and laid a pass on his stick. When the defence put the squeeze on, Ruck flipped to McKillop, McKillop flipped to Condon and the pivot-man made no mistake.

McKillop opened the second-period scoring at 2:16 on another three-way effort. A blast from the point by Bird was recovered by Ruck at the side of the Bruin net, he relayed to McKillop and that was it. Gauthier of Bruins had no chance. At 5:25 Frances tied the contest with a deflection on another Bird blast, as he stood at the edge of the Bruin crease. From then on the contest was never in doubt.

Condon from McKillop and Moisan counted the next marker at 7:35, Ruck from Condon and McKillop got another at 14:30 and the best Bruins could manage by way of a reply was a single goal at 16:04 on a two-way effort by Kaiser and Thornson.

Packing a 5-4 lead into the third period, Stars opened the gap at the 1:05 mark with Bird deking around the Bruin net but flipping the puck into the near corner as the netminder moved across to cover him. Condon drew an assist.

McKillop rapped in his second on a Ruck-Bird relay at 2:35, but the Bruins weren't ready to play dead yet. Steve Kribak and Kaiser on a breakaway got two markers before the third was six minutes old and then faded when Condon measured his hat trick marker on a McKillop-Ruck relay at 16:40. One goal scored after the clock ran out for Bruins, was disallowed as both teams had been notified that the game was officially over.

Leading Star marksmen were Condon and McKillop while Ruck added a single and four assists.

Habs' Ibey Leading Scorer, Blues Tops In Teamwork Department

Play in the four-team Mountain League has passed the halfway mark and it is the spectacular Rangers with five straight wins who set the pace.

Backed by the solid display of big George Matchette in goal, Blueshirt marksmen have captured six of the top ten spots in the scoring race. Matchette has posted a trio of shutouts as he blanked Hawks 4-0, but the game was ruled no contest when ineligible players were used by both coaches, stopped Canadiens 7-0 and whitewashed Detroit 10-0.

Ibey, lanky Canadien pivot-man, has paced the pointgetters with a seven-goal, four-assist mark of 11 points. Rangers' Watcher is on his heels with an 8-2 mark and the hapless Hawks' only rep, Armand Proulx, has closed in on both of them with a 7-2 mark of nine points,

Three Rangers follow; Olson is tied for third at 4-5, Boudreault is fourth at seven and one, Cameron shares fifth with 3-4-7.

Detroit's lone rep, Doug Poole, shares fifth with Cameron on 4-3-7, Koski of Canadiens has posted 6-0-6, Rangers' Hayden, 5-1-6, and his teammate Ladoucer is top playmaker with six points on six assists.

Matchette's goals-per-game-allowed mark of 1:16 is tops.

Statistics to January 25

	W	L	T	Pts.
Rangers	5	0	0	10
Detroit	3	3	0	6
Canadiens	3	3	0	6
Hawks	0	5	0	0

Top Ten Scorers.....

Name	Team	GP	G	A	Pts.
Ibey	Canadiens	6	7	4	11
Watcher W.	Rangers	5	8	2	10
Proulx	Hawks	5	7	2	9
Olson	Rangers	5	4	5	9
Boudreault	Rangers	4	7	1	8
Cameron	Rangers	5	3	4	7
Poole	Detroit	4	4	3	7
Koski	Canadiens	6	6	0	6
Hayden	Rangers	5	5	1	6
Ladoucer	Rangers	5	0	6	6

Top Goaltender...

Matchette: Rangers, two shutouts; goals per game average, 1.16.

Player of the month for December: Murray Naugler—January; Matchette.

Tribute to A Friend

Picture in your mind a stocky little guy, a stubby, unlighted cigar tucked into the corner of a pair of smiling lips, receding grey hair framing a jovial face, sparkling eyes filled with excitement and pleasure as he sits perched on the edge of a hard bench at a sporting event living every moment of it, you have conjured up a pale image of Charlie Krupp.

For more than a quarter of a century the name of Charlie Krupp has been synonymous with Winnipeg sports and for the past eight years, with sports here in the Manitoba Penitentiary.

At our boxing shows, ball games or field days Charlie was easily identifiable, surrounded by his many friends, radiating warmth, good-fellowship and a love of athletics that allowed him to cheer winner and loser alike with fine impartiality. He was an always-welcome guest.

On the afternoon of January 21, 1958, death claimed him. In the midst of a curling game, the only sport in which he could still actively participate at 52, his fine fighting heart failed him.

We have lost a real friend and we'll miss him. People with the generosity of heart inherent in Charlie Krupp are rare indeed, behind the walls of a penitentiary.

We doubt that we will ever have another friend like him. May he rest in peace.

by Don Lobb



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